

Three Youngsters Hold Up Burke Service Station

RIFLE TILL AND KIDNAP THE ATTENDANT

Trio Now Await Trial In Circuit Court

Everett Bidvia, 18, night attendant at the George Burke auto service station on U. S. 27, got quite a shock early Monday morning when three youngsters entered the station, one holding him up at the point of a shot gun while the others rifled the cash register.

The leader of the gang told Bidvia to lie down on the floor behind the counter, keeping the muzzle of his shot gun at his head, and told him if he made a miss move that they would kill him. Naturally the young man was quite frightened.

Then, for good measure, the bandits ordered Bidvia to get into their car, that stood in front of the station, and then drove away. They followed highway M 76 west from the city, and released Bidvia on the county road near Darraugh, about 11 miles west of Frederic, with the warning to start running or they would shoot. Bidvia went to a nearby farmhouse and secured a ride to Frederic where he telephoned Sheriff John Papendick. He then returned to Grayling with John Burke.

Upon their arrival at Grayling they found the sheriff and a salesman for the Peet Packing Co. in the station. The latter had found the place open and cash register drawer open and immediately notified Mr. Burke. Bidvia's father also was there, anxious to know about his son. Sheriff Papendick notified the state police and, together with Bidvia, a posse was organized. State troopers Liebherg and Harrison, Smith of the Traverse City station, state detective Neal Van Conkan, Sheriff Chet Parker of Kalkaska, Sheriff Howard Tanner of Antrim county joined the party and soon every highway in this part of the state was guarded.

Bidvia recalled that one of the men had been at the station on a former occasion and that he was a CCC enrollee. Several camps were visited and it was found that one John Mahaney, 20, was absent from one camp without leave. Some of the officers visited the home of his parents near Kalkaska and there found the robbers. John Mahaney, 20, and his brother Hobart, 17, and Wesley Straight, 16. It is said that they came to this region from Kentuckv with their parents.

Search for the loot revealed \$26 of the reported \$36 missing. Also the small showcase filled with cigarettes. All had been buried in the ground.

Straight, who is but 16 years of age, was taken into probate court where jurisdiction was waived, and together with the others, who had waived examination, were bound over to circuit court for arraignment. The state police give Sheriff Papendick most of the credit for apprehending the robbers.

The accused men give the following statement concerning themselves and the robbery:

Grayling, Michigan December 11, 1939
We, John Mahaney, 20 years, Hobart Mahaney, 17 and Wesley Straight age 16, in the presence of one another and Troopers Liebherg, Smith, Van Conkan and Sheriff John Papendick, and Prosecutor Neillist do make the following statement which is the

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I, and Chuck Seasons, planned to pull this job about 1 1/2 years ago, and Chuck backed out.

On Saturday night December 9, 1939 about 7 or 8:00 o'clock, Wesley and Hobart wanted to know where we could pull a job to get some money. I then told them about the night gas station at Grayling. This was at my home. We agreed to come to Grayling about 12:00 o'clock Sunday night December 10, 1939 and wait till between 2 and 3:00 a. m. to pull the job.

Wesley borrowed the shot gun we used from his father on Saturday, December 9, 1939. It is a 12 ga. single barrel shotgun. We came to Grayling Sunday night and got there about 11:30 o'clock. We went out on M 208 to a side road and parked until 2:30 a. m. We used Hobart's 1928 Chevrolet, black, blue-black color, 1939 Michigan license K-S 244.

We arrived at gas station, John was driving—we all went into the station. Wesley and Hobart looked place over before we took gun in. Then we took gun apart and John carried barrel inside pants leg and Wesley carried stock in pants leg, into station and into the toilet where we put it together. John had the shells, 8 shells in the pocket of a black imitation leather jacket. John put a shell in barrel of gun in toilet. Then Wesley pushed door open and John stepped out in the station. John told the attendant to "get your hands up, this is a holdup." I then ordered him to lay down on floor behind counter. Wesley and Hobart took money out of cash register.

After they got the money, I told the attendant to go and get in the car. Which he did. We also took a small glass showcase containing several packages of cigarettes. The attendant got into our car in the rear seat behind the driver. We then got in the car and drove north to M 76 and west to Bear Lake road. Hobart driving from station. We went to the north from M 76 to County road 571 and went west into Darraugh. After we got out on County road 571, we released the attendant. John told him to get out and not to squeal or we would shoot him and to start running back down the road. Then we went to Darraugh and turned north about 3 miles, then west 1 1/2 miles to our home. John burned up the jacket to destroy clues and kept the shells. Enroute home and while attendant was in car we tried to divide the money. We had, we believe, \$36.00 cash and bills.

We have turned over to the officers \$26.55 and Wesley claims he has lost a ten dollar bill. This statement was made in County Clerk's office at Grayling at 7:00 p. m. December 11, 1939 and was made in about 45 minutes.

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Local Rhymster Joins "Peck's" Crusade

Dear Editor:

The famous states, in milder clime have raised up sons who love to rhyme, but off the adjectives they've used most surely has the truth abused. They've chuckled, as they wrote and wrote, and sought to cut each others throat; for, if one told of Florida's charm, he'd California's poet harm, who had, he thought, the last word said to leave poor Florida cold and dead. Each seems to rise at the "count of nine," and get back into the fight in time to save from a final knockout blow, his state which seeks the tourist's dough. This scrapping has called for many a laugh—all wondered who'd eat the fatted calf. Each poet has bragged so of HIS State, as he tells of its virtues up-to-date, and has sung so loud his praiseful hymn, it has seemed just foolish to begin to boast of any State but theirs, or try to stop their constant prayers to "come and see" their wondrous land of flowers and trees and ocean sand.

But now we folk "up north" delight and at last are sitting snug and tight, for Prescott has dipped in ink his pen, and has dared to go right after them, and to write as only Prescott can, of our fair State of Michigan. To all he's said we say, "Amen," and urge that here we start again, for it seems to us he is the chap to push the others off the map; and when he writes of "our north" so far we KNOW that he's "got something there."

Yes, many a man his brakes should grind, who is dragging his trailer off behind some Lizzie, southward making track, and stop and say "I'm going back and spend my time in snowy glees, my State has all that's dear to me. Why should I leave such zestful zone and spend my lucie away from home, then come back in the Spring, all broke, by cash "down south."—why, it's a joke!

Our pines—they look as good to me as miles of sand and raging sea; our hills as full of other hills, our thrills as thrilling as any thrills, our sky is as blue as it needs to be—old Michigan is OK by me.

F. J. Mills, Grayling.

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No solicitation will be made for funds, but anyone wishing to do so may pay their money or send checks directly to this office. Funds are already coming in and we are sure our Grayling people will feel it a privilege to aid in this worthy cause.

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Funeral services were held at the J. H. Spiller Funeral Home in Royal Oak on Dec. 5th, and interment was in Roseland Park cemetery. Surviving the deceased besides her son Russell are a daughter Mrs. J. C. Mason of Royal Oak; three sisters Mrs. Alice Hanes of Owosso, Mrs. Nora Rowles and Mrs. Annie Bake Detroit, also 15 grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

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Wednesday, January 3, they will hold their installation of officers, at the Grange hall, and Mrs. Carleton Wythe will be the installing officer. The ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch after the meeting.

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GIRL SCOUTS GAVE PLAY AND TEA

Saturday afternoon the Girl Scouts did themselves proud at the clever play and tea they gave at Michelson Memorial church.

The title of the play was "A Grumpy Santa Claus" and the part of Santa was taken by Nelle Welsh. Coming into the work room Santa was much put out because things weren't going just right, but soon he scratched his head and decided that being grumpy didn't pay; he needed the Christmas spirit. Then the toy dolls and animals began to strut and music boxes played and all was well in Santa's work shop and toys would be ready for delivery Christmas eve.

Other characters were: Bing—Rosemary Charron Tink—Guinevere Trudeau 1st Girl Scout—Billyann Clippert.

2nd Girl Scout—Barbara Ann Borchers. French Doll—Shirley Meisel Doll—Beverly Peterson White rabbit—Patsy Hope Heric.

Teddy bear—Beatrice Papendick. Tin soldier—Phyllis Newell Jack-in-the-Box—Jacqueline Harwood. Pierrot—Maxine Melichar Pierrette—Jane Milnes

After the play tea was served and Jane Milnes and Maxine Melichar poured. Winter bou-

quets were sold and the girls had on display many articles they had made.

The entire afternoon was very lovely and many mothers and others enjoyed it with the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Gerald Poor and Mrs. Herbert Trudeau, who are in charge of the scouts, are to be commended for it is through their efforts that the affair was such a nice success.

JUDGE MOORE SPEAKS AT COUNTY HEALTH MEETING

The Crawford County Health Unit held their meeting at the Grange hall Thursday afternoon, December 7th. Mrs. Hurl Deck-row called the meeting to order. Probate Judge Chas. Moore was the speaker for the evening, and chose as his subject, "Probate Court and its relation to juvenile delinquent and neglected children." He explained how the delinquent and neglected children of the county are taken care of, and how the money is raised for the underprivileged children to send them away in case of illness.

The talk was very much enjoyed by the ladies and they hope that Judge Moore will again speak to them. Mrs. June Underwood beautifully played and sang a lovely number. Lunch was served by the Grayling Health Unit on prettily decorated tables, with wintergreen trimming and tall red burning tapers gracing each table.

Enjoy a Very Merry Shopping Season . . .

"Dear Santa : Please make mine a gift from

The MILLS JEWELERS"

Some of the things we have stocked for HIM: Rings (emblem, signet, stone, in silver and gold), billfolds, pocketbooks, key cases, key chains, tie holders, money belts, watch chains, bracelets, military sets, ash trays, travelling sets, manicure sets, desk sets, tie racks, diaries, shaving sets, cigarette cases and lighters, paper weights, fountain pen sets and ELGIN-HEYWORTH and AMERICUS WATCHES.

FOR HER: Lavaliers, lockets, bracelets, costume jewelry, brooches, clips, compacts, dresser sets, manicure sets, bags, fountain pen sets, glassware, silverware, cook and serve ware, plaques, scrapbooks, guest books, sewing sets, sewing baskets, diamonds, watches, rings, etc.

BABY—Cups, spoons, lockets, bracelets, brush sets, etc.

FOR THE HOME: Waste paper baskets, dishes, magazine racks, inlaid tables, cocktail sets, candle sticks, silver coffee sets and all kinds of silver hollow ware (just arrived), oil paintings, cocktail shakers, etc.

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Annual Community Christmas Tree

Grayling's annual community Christmas treat for the children of Crawford and Roscommon counties will be held on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd. There will be the customary movie at the Rialto theatre, the first performance at 1:00 o'clock for the rural children, which will include those from Frederic and Roscommon. The second show at 3:00 o'clock is for Grayling kiddies. Santa Claus will be on hand after each show with large bags of candies and nuts for everyone.

Mayor Burke, who each year gathers in the contributions urges that people living in the rural districts make an effort to bring in the kiddies, the more the merrier.

The community Christmas tree is made possible through donations from Grayling's business men.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Next Sunday Services 10:00 a. m.—Bible School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. Choirs and young folk are all working hard preparing for Christmas. Our annual cantata will be heard at 3:00 o'clock Sunday, Dec. 24th.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

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Personals

Mrs. C. J. McNamara and sons Charles Jr. and Larry spent the week end in Flint.

Our Xmas special includes one dozen portraits with an 8x10 in. oil. Trudeau Studio. Dial 3161.

Some paintings and numerous picture frames of all kinds and sizes for sale. Mrs. Marie Jensen.

James Lynch returned home Tuesday from Austin, Mich., where he attended the funeral of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson, Mrs. Carl Sorenson and Mrs. Tony Nelson spent Thursday in Bay City on business.

Mrs. C. R. Keyport and daughter Jayne left Monday to spend the week in Detroit. Dr. Keyport joined them Wednesday.

Judge Charles Moore and daughter Gloria drove to Detroit Friday and accompanied Mrs. Moore home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lynch of Alpena spent Thursday and Friday visiting the former's brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Zauel of Saginaw spent Monday and Tuesday at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hanson.

Dining Room Suite for sale. Dining table, buffet and 6 leather seated chairs. All in excellent condition. Phone 3121. Mrs. Oscar Schumann.

Mrs. Jack Wade was called to Toledo last week by the illness of her mother, however the latter had passed away before she reached there.

Mrs. Horace Shaw returned home Sunday after spending the past week visiting in Detroit, where she was a guest at the Howard Scarlett home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Albert Wheeler entertained the following over the week end: Clifford Fletcher, Clio Kimball, Carl Speck all of Detroit and their son Ted Wheeler of Milford. All enjoyed rabbit hunting while here.

Mrs. Lorne J. Douglas of Bishopric, Saskatchewan, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Ellen Failing and sisters Mrs. E. J. Ols and Mrs. Earl Wood here the past week. Mrs. Douglas will leave Friday for her home driving back a new Nash car.

Mrs. Walter Hanson returned home Friday after visiting her daughter Mrs. John Libcke and family in Detroit for several days. Mr. and Mrs. Libcke and son John accompanied her home and remained over the week end to visit here and at Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. William Randolph visited in Rose City over Sunday. Your friends can buy anything you photograph. Trudeau Studio. Dial 3161.

Mrs. James D. Hartley of Vassar was the guest of Yvonne Bradley Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson and Mrs. Alfred, and Mrs. Wm. Christensen and daughter Faye visited Jeanne Hanson in Munson Hospital, Traverse City, Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Decker returned to her home in Lansing Sunday after spending the past two weeks visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis and at the Merle F. Nelst home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sorenson and daughter, of Detroit, and Mrs. Sorenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leach of Mt. Clemens, visited Mrs. Victor Sorenson over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Reinboldt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schmidt and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson Sunday, enroute from Jhannesburg to their home in Saginaw.

Dr. Stanley Stealy spent a couple of days last week visiting relatives in Charlotte and Lansing. David Ackerman of Mt. Pleasant accompanied him home to spend some time visiting here.

See the new line of McGregor Sports Clothes for men at Olsons.

Mac & Gabley's drug store has added some very nice looking booths with red cushions, on the seats, in place of the tables and chairs that used to be there. Display shelves, matching the booths have also been added.

The thermometer at Grayling Fish Hatchery, where official records are kept, report the low temperature so far this winter as 12 above, which was this morning. A light snow fell during Tuesday night and with the colder weather, is staying.

After Dec. 31, 1939, employers must furnish each employee a statement of employee's taxable earnings and old age insurance tax deduction. We have the necessary forms for sale, on which to make these statements. Avalanche Office.

Kiwanians Hear Girl Scouts In Playlet

A group of young Girl Scouts, under direction of Mrs. Herbert Trudeau and Mrs. Gerald Poor, presented a playlet entitled "A Grumpy Santa Claus" before the members of the Kiwanis club Wednesday.

Nelle Welsh, as Santa Claus, discovered that it didn't pay to be grumpy, and scold and find fault with everyone and everything, for without the real Christmas spirit that the toys wouldn't work and everything went wrong. It was finally when Santa got over his grump and look on the Christmas spirit that the toys came to life and all was gay again and the Christmas spirit was in the air.

Details of this play is more fully written up in an article telling of its presentation at the Michigan Memorial church last Saturday afternoon.

Next Wednesday noon will be the annual Kiwanis Christmas program. Members are reminded to bring a present for the tree.

A discussion came up relative to the taking up State highway No. 93 from the junction of M75 to the winter park. Many could not understand why this fine thoroughfare should be torn up. President Chas. Moore appointed O. P. Schumann, Dr. Stealy and C. J. McNamara a committee to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting.

Dawson Store Adds Air Conditioning

The Dawson Store is again stepping forward with store improvements. This time a complete new air-conditioning system is being installed. This will insure a maximum of 27,000 cubic feet of outside air per hour being supplied at all times, through clean air filters.

In the winter time this means pure air at all times. The air of the rooms will be completely changed nearly 7 1/2 times each hour. In the summer time it means cooling dehumidifying, air cleaning, air circulation, and the furnishing of outside air for ventilation.

Some of the patrons of the store will recall that this otherwise elegant store was uncomfortable because of the humidity of the air. This is now a thing of the past and patrons will find the place most delightful all the year around.

Alpena Staging Wildcat Hunt

One of the greatest game hunts in Michigan will be held December 16 and 17th. A bobcat hunt sponsored by the Alpena Sportsmen Club and the Alpena Chamber of Commerce co-operating, on the above dates. The Alpena hotel will be the wildcat headquarters. Hunters will start from the Alpena hotel Saturday, December 16th at 7:00 a. m. and again Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 a. m. regardless of weather. All hunting will be confined to the taking of wildcats and predatory animals such as coyotes and fox. Absolutely no rabbits and other game will be shot.

No Special License Required

The only license necessary to participate in the hunt will be a small game license and no special permits required. The wildcat and other predatory animals have taken a heavy toll on small game such as birds, rabbits, and etc., and this hunt will go to help eliminate the predator which does the ravishing damage to the small game.

Prizes
There will be a \$5.00 cash prize for the largest and \$5.00 for the smallest wildcat taken. Every precaution will be taken to avoid casualties. Hunters' guns will not be loaded until the baying of dogs is heard. Below is a list of the committees that will carry out the hunt:

Wildcat Hunt officers: Lou Kramer, General Chairman; Harold Reinke, President Alpena Sportsmen Club; and Walter Keenan, C. F. Morey, Ben Wright, Wm. Koepfen and Mrs. P. K. Fletcher.

Guide Committee: R. J. Gehrke, John DeRosia, James Rohrbach, Oscar Larson, Milo Thompson, Joe Skiba, John Schoomer, Bud Gerow, Herman Dietz and Erling Bernson.

Judging Committee: Dr. Fred Oles, Stanley Thomas, Norm Martinson, Guy Wheaton.

Rules and Regulation Committee—Milo Thompson, Bill Connors, C. F. Morey, Dr. T. R. Bell, Mrs. Guy Wheaton, Mrs. Phil Fletcher, Wm. Koepfen.

Tally Man: Bill Brousseau.

Kennel Committee: Bill Connors, J. Stanley Godfrey, F. E. Lawrence, Russell Kauffman.

Transportation Committee: Stanley Konley, Arlington Martin.

Entertainment Committee: Mayor John Bingham, Dr. F. J. O'Donnell, Garnet Murphy, Phil Glennie, Phil Fletcher, M. O. Clark.

Womens Committee: Mrs. Phil Fletcher, Mrs. R. R. Bell, Mrs. C. F. Morey, Mrs. Walter Keenan.

Registration Committee: Lloyd Blakely, Ben Wright, E. Zolnier-ek, I. Cady.

Ki-Ki, Hazen Cuyler, well known baseball player and big game hunter will be captain of the hunt.

Call the hunt headquarters for information and be sure to register. No charge is made, everything is free. Phone, write or wire, Lou Kramer, Alpena Hotel, phone 1000.

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Kiddie Xmas Program Well Received

Tuesday night the school Christmas program drew a crowd that packed the gym to capacity. People came to see an hour's program that left them pleased with what had been presented by 115 young performers who were cleverly costumed and well trained. The music was catchy, the songs were clever, and all in all it was a smooth entertainment.

The school gym was attractively decorated with a big fireplace at one end—so big that the backboard was used as a chimney, and child actors could come and go through beneath. Seventeen acts went on, each well drilled and each unique in its own way, and certainly every number had its partisans who thought that it exceeded all the rest. Back of the whole thing was a lot of work by Miss Tapio, Miss Anderson, and Miss LaFave, the teachers in charge, as well as by parents who helped with costumes. It was a distinct credit to the school and to all concerned.

The program follows:
Kindergarten—Miss Tapio.
First Grade—Miss Anderson.
Second Grade—Miss LaFave.
Song—Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Song—Everyone.
Drills—Jumping Ropes.
Dance—Tap dancers.
Song and Drill—Puddings.
Song—Dolls.
Drill—Christmas Wreaths.
Song and Dance—French doll.
Song and Drill—Tops.
Dance—Ballroom.
Song and Dance—Dutch Dolls.
Dance—Christmas fairies.
Song—Candy Kids.
Dance—Skaters.
Song—Santa Claus and Mrs. Santa Claus.
Song—Everyone.

Frederic Notes

Clair Melroy Sr. is visiting relatives and friends in Pontiac and Ohio.

Mrs. Louis Stillwagon, who has been under the doctor's care, is much improved.

Ernest Richards and Harry O'Dell returned Thursday from a trip to Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Geo. Weinkauff, Mrs. Percy Harmer and son Douglas Darwin were in Grayling Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Charron are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Monday, Dec. 11 at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber and Miss Erma Barber spent Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Downer at Luther.

Miss Merle Patterson has just bought the old Joe Woods home on U. S. 27, according to her sister Mrs. James Tobin.

Mrs. Jay O'Dell returned Friday from Saginaw where she has been visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. Lee Kellogg.

Walter Butts has sold his property to Ersel Cox. Looks as though we might have new neighbors. How about it Ersel?

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee and son Russell spent Saturday visiting his sister Mrs. Pierce Stocking at Cadillac. They were accompanied home by his mother Mrs. A. Lee, who returned to her home at Onaway, Sunday.

The people of this town are making plans for a public skating rink. The plan is to give a dance and have the proceeds go toward maintaining this clean winter sport so that all youngsters can enjoy it without their parents worrying over thin ice or river undercurrent. The work on the pond will all be donated by our citizens in Frederic, Maple Forest and surrounding territory. Announcement of the dance will be given at a later date. And we are hoping for the full cooperation of all.

Want Ads

DINING ROOM SUITE FOR Sale. Dining table, buffet and six leather seated chairs. All in excellent condition. Phone 3121. Mrs. Oscar Schumann.

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WORK WANTED—By young woman, by hour, day or week. Phone 3777.

STRAYED TO MY PLACE—Brown and black collie dog, Sunday. Has black nose and black spot on tail. Owner may have dog by paying for this ad. Phone 3291.

FOR SALE—Business block on Main street, formerly location of Grayling postoffice. Now occupied. See me for particulars. O. P. Schumann. Phones 3111 and 3121.

40 ACRES FOR SALE—In Maple Forest township, SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, section 3, town 28 north, range 3 west. Bargain at \$250. For particulars call Avalanche Office. Phone 3111. tf

FOR SALE—Piano and bench. Inquire at Avalanche office.

Chairs for Park Visitors



Photo by Mich. Dept. of Cons.

Indian woodworkers, at Pellston, put finishing touches on rustic chairs which will be placed in state park buildings. Several hundred northern Michigan Indians are employed on a WPA Indian handicraft project sponsored by the Michigan department of conservation. Besides furniture, they

make snowshoes, baskets and other articles of practical use. The projects will be carried forward during the winter in several localities. Hundreds of pieces of furniture have been fashioned for park buildings and department field headquarters.

Gift Suggestions That Please

The Gift that will be Appreciated

Gifts for the Smoker

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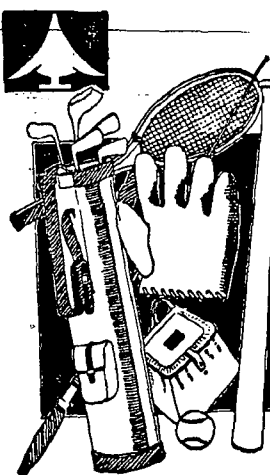
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By Fred W. Braun, The Safety Man

Compare the happy, peaceful Christmas America will enjoy this year with that of war-torn European countries—countries in which Christmas has for ages, been celebrated with traditional gaiety and enjoyment—a day filled with age-old customs, many of which were brought to America by our forefathers and have become established customs here. We will enjoy them this year as usual. They will be missed by the people of Europe because "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" has been forgotten for the moment. Let us be thankful for the happiness that is ours as Americans! Let us preserve it by keeping America free from those elements that destroy it.

We in America do have one danger to

face in our daily lives—the danger of accident—the one menace that stands ready to destroy our happiness at the first slip of carelessness. In the factory, on the road, in the home, the danger of accident exists night and day. Nearly 100,000 lives were snuffed out last year by this messenger of death—many thousands of them by automobile accident. Let us checkmate this danger by carefulness! Whatever you do, wherever you go—especially in your car during the holidays, BE CAREFUL! Driving conditions, especially ice streets, in sleet, snow and darkness, should be considered and your speed and alertness gauged accordingly. America is free from the destructive forces of war—keep your home, your family, and yourself free from the disaster of accident!

SCHOOL NEWS

FREDERIC SCHOOL

Seventh Primary room are busy wrapping Xmas presents for their mothers and fathers.

The first half of the Xmas program is the story of the Nativity; the story of the Nativity is to be done in song tableau.

The last half of the program is a top shop dream. All the people from downstairs are taking part in it.

The intermediate room children went to Grayling Thursday. After they arrived at Grayling they visited the printing office. They seem to think it was a nice experience. Helen Kellogg and Helen Wallace went with them.

The seventh grade class basketball team won over Vanderbilt. They went to Grayling and lost their game down there.

The seventh grade are going to have a party some day this week.

The eighth grade is publishing a newspaper. It is to be done in English Class.

The members of the team were the only ones who could have guests to the Mio game. The girls wish to thank the team for the invitations and also for a lovely evening.

Mr. Barnes and Miss Green, 4-H leaders, gave the 4-H boys and girls a very interesting and helpful talk on things of interest to all 4-H members.

The 4-H clubs are progressing nicely on their work.

Frederic's first team won two games last week. The first game they beat Mio, at Mio. On Friday night of the same week the team also won from Vanderbilt. The girls team and the Junior High team also won their games Friday night. The scores of the two games are as follows: On Tuesday, Mio 21, Frederic 23. On Friday night, Vanderbilt 20, Frederic 35.

The Home Ec. girls have been serving luncheons this week and have had the High school teachers in for lunch. We hear they are becoming very good cooks.

The 9th grade Algebra class has started a new chapter entitled "Positive and Negative Numbers." They will continue this for several weeks.

In the 10th grade Geometry class they are learning how triangles congruent.

The chemistry class has been studying solutions. They have also been having some interesting experiments.

The biology class received some pickled animals with which to experiment with.

Our debating team will debate against Mancelona here Friday, Dec. 15. Our debaters will consist of Helen Kellogg, Gloria Manier and Wanda Vollmer. It is sure to be an interesting debate.

We are wondering why Mr. Phipps brings us five cents if we do not bring our report cards back by a certain date. Maybe he doesn't know that they are already paid for.

Snoop Column—Several students are wondering why Jimmie and Helen stuck up their nose when certain students come into the room.

The answer is that said students think they have too much class for Helen and Jimmie.

Some of the High school boys have also adopted the system of wearing bells on their toes.

You big boys in Lit. better quit picking on poor little Phil. He would like to set at the girls table too.

Guy, your surprise us by bringing one of the fairer sex into our midst. Here we thought you were a confirmed bachelor.

What certain High school girl has been entertaining football stars lately?

When you are in the manger Walter, you can't think of Mary and get away with it. Just look,

Want Ads For Quick Results

The Rhoades Family . . . by Squier



THE EMPTY PAY-ENVELOPE—Automotive taxes in the United States average more than \$50 per car annually. More than half of the nation's motorists earn less than \$30 a week. If motor taxes were collected in one lump sum, many motorists would have empty pay-envelopes two weeks of the year.

CHANGE IN FSA PERSONNEL

Mr. Edward E. LaBarge has replaced Mr. Truman B. Pemberton as the representative of the Farm Security Administration, a branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with offices in the post office at Boyne City and the Cook building at Gaylord. Mr. LaBarge will be in charge of the FSA program in Charlevoix, Otsego and Crawford counties.

The Farm Security Administration extends supervised credit to eligible low income farm families who are unable to obtain credit on reasonable terms from many other sources. Loans are made for the purchase of livestock, equipment, seed, feed, and other operating goods.

Repayments may be arranged for periods up to five years with interest at 5%. Mr. LaBarge reports that the program has met with better than average success in approximately five years of its operation and that applications are being received now at the Boyne City and Gaylord offices. Because of the number now being received, applications for loans needed next spring should be made now to enable them to receive early attention.

Making the Best of It

Londoners know how to make the best of things. One of the most fascinating chapters of a recent guide book is "How to Spend a Wet Afternoon in London."

he fell from the manger and cut his nose.

Tommy says, "Now that Gerald has a new car it won't take so much gas. Why can't we go after Phyllis?"

We could use more help on our Snoop Column. We think Jim would fit the occupation.

Notice: The answer to that one is: "Nobody can snoop like Miss Newberry. She can efficiently do enough snooping for this school and another one just as big. Does this sound like she needs any help from other people." This little article was written by Jim.



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CCC Camp News

CAMP HIGGINS LAKE

Camp Administration

The success of any CCC Camp depends to a large extent on the enrolled leaders and assistant leaders, who assist the Army and Technical Service personnel in carrying the orders of their superiors.

Following is a list of the names and positions of the leaders and assistant leaders on the roster of Camp Higgins Lake at the present time:

Leaders—
Dockery, Joseph—Field Leader.
Flahive, Raymond—Company Clerk.
Johnsick, Eugene—Field Leader.
Karpin, John—Senior Leader.
Korr, George—Mess Steward.
Petersen, Harold—1st Cook and Baker.
Sweet, Basil—Field Leader.
Taylor, Lyle—Forestry Tool Clerk.
Thompson, Floyd—1st Cook.
Tregoning, Gordon—Forestry Clerk.
Assistant Leaders—
Amaradio, Frank—Supply Steward.
Calkins, Alva—Assistant Forestry Clerk.
Campbell, Vernon—Field Leader.
Gillett, Frederick—Oil house attendant.
Hunt, Carl—Field Leader.
Feldhauser, Bernard—Drafting

Clerk.

Meyers, Linvel—Assistant Company Clerk.

Morris, William—Assistant Mechanic.

Nicula, John—Army truck driver.

Rochester, Arthur—Field Leader.

Sachet, Bruno—2nd Cook.

Treichel, Kenneth—2nd Cook.

Young, Carlos—Field Leader.

Rang, Corlis—Assistant to the Educational Adviser.

The Senior Leader or "Top Kick" carries out the orders of the Company Commander, and has authority to enforce these orders.

All leaders are paid at the rate of \$45.00 per month and all assistant leaders at the rate of \$36.00 per month.

The undersigned will write a series of articles relative to the general CCC setup and the responsibilities of the various departments. Various regulations pertaining to camp administration will be discussed in order to give the general public a general knowledge of the workings of the organization. Such items as camp discipline, feeding, clothing, education and recreation will be of interest to the readers of the Crawford Avalanche.

William J. Nolan,
Educational Adviser.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

Months in advance, the big department stores have to know what you're going to get for Christmas—and what you plan to give, as well. J. D. Radcliff takes you behind the scenes of a modern big store and shows you how your needs are anticipated and met. Be sure to read this article. It appears in This Week, the magazine with Sunday's Detroit News.

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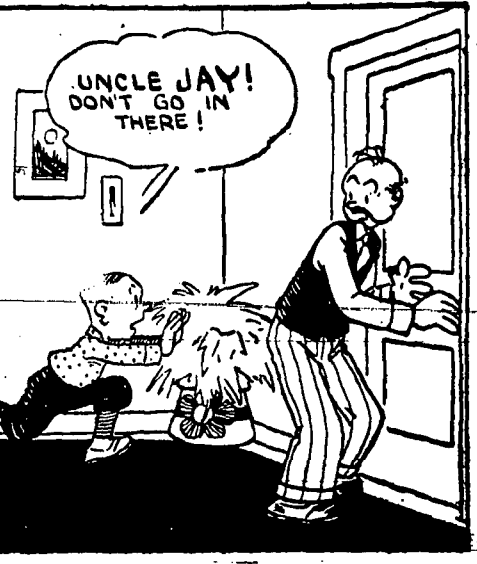
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LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1939

Mrs. Wm. LaGrow entertained the members of the Just Us club at her home Thursday evening.

Ernest Olson has returned from Mt. Pleasant and will be employed for the winter at the Carl Sorenson barber shop.

Mrs. Algot Johnson was hostess to the Ladies Reading Circle Thursday afternoon at her home. A delicious lunch was served.

Local stores advertising in the Avalanche will be open evenings until Christmas. Check over their ads then do your shopping in these stores.

Max Ferguson has completed his business course at the Bay City Business school and has accepted a position as bookkeeper at Burke's Garage, beginning his duties there Monday.

St. Mary's Altar society will hold a bazaar at Connors' Grocery Saturday afternoon, Dec. 23.

Hickok belts, key chains, tie chains and tie clasps with 3-letter block initials make fine gifts. See them at Olsons.

The Moose basketball team lost in a close game Thursday night to Camp Houghton Lake. It was a nip and tuck fray all the way through and ended in the score 33-32.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Charron, who are both patients at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, are reported as getting along nicely. Mrs. Charron underwent a major operation recently, and Mr. Charron is receiving medical treatment there.

Allen Anthony is away from his studies at Grayling High school and a patient at Mercy Hospital. Taken ill Thursday afternoon while at school he submitted to an operation for the removal of his appendix Saturday morning.

McGregor sweaters, shirts, scarfs, and gloves make fine Xmas gifts. See them at Olsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wade entertained the Lake Margrethe residents at a card party Saturday evening, at their home.

Charles Melichar, proprietor of Graying Bakery, has purchased the former Lorane Sparkes property on Michigan avenue from the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

Miss Barbara Annis, daughter of Mrs. Ruby Annis and Norman Johnson, son of Clare Johnson were united in marriage at the parsonage of Michelson Memorial church by Rev. H. W. Kuhlman, Saturday evening.

The Moose basketball team will journey to Cadillac Saturday, December 16, and play the Y.M.C.A. team of that city that evening. The boys have been practicing hard and hope to win the game.

Miss Jeanne Hanson, who suffered an attack of infantile paralysis some time ago, was removed to Munson Hospital, Traverse City, Saturday where she will remain for the next three weeks to receive treatments.

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy, Mrs. Louis Kessler, Mrs. C. J. McNamara and Mrs. Carl Nielson, members of the Catholic Woman's Guild attended a district meeting of the National Council of Catholic Women at Gaylord, Tuesday.

New state winter highway maps have just been received from the State Highway department. They are free at this office as long as they last. And "Pat" says there are more available if we need them.

A year's subscription of the Avalanche makes one of the most expensive and most appreciated Christmas gifts any family could wish for. One year in Crawford county for \$1.75, elsewhere in U. S. for \$2.00.

Don't forget the bazaar sale at the Johnson Furniture store Saturday, December 16. Sale starts at 11 a. m. Stop in and buy your baked goods for the week end. The sale is sponsored by the members of the Latter Day Saints Church.

Mary Lou Graham was made nappy on her 14th birthday, that occurred Tuesday, when her aunt Mrs. Frank Barnett gave a dinner party for her with ten girls as guests. The table was pretty in a yuletide motif, with burning tapers guarding the birthday cake. Tiny white reindeer at each place were favors. After dinner the girls attended the school play.

Green garlands strung with electric lights have been hung along the intersections in the downtown district, and a Christmas tree will be placed at the customary place at the intersection of Michigan and Peninsular avenues. Most of the store fronts are being decorated with evergreens and colored lights and by the end of the week the city will be in its holiday attire. There are many attractive store window displays and merchants are putting forth every effort to make the stores attractive to Christmas buyers.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Kuhlman drove to Alpena Sunday where Rev. Kuhlman was to speak at a ministers' meeting Monday afternoon at the Methodist church. He was asked to speak Sunday evening after the services and he and Mrs. Kuhlman were greatly surprised when they were entertained at a reception that evening in their honor. Some two hundred people were in attendance. Rev. Kuhlman was pastor of the Methodist church in that city 17 years ago and he was very much pleased over the royal welcome he received.

Home Extension Group III enjoyed the second lesson of this year's course at the home of Mrs. W. J. Heric Thursday evening. The ladies enjoyed a pot luck dinner, with the table pretty in Christmas colors. The business meeting and lesson followed with Mrs. Ernest Borchers and Mrs. Eugene Papendick, leaders, presenting the lesson "Bring your home up-to-date," and did some re-arranging of furniture to show how it could be done. Mrs. Lillian Ryan will entertain the group at a social meeting at her home in January.

We have never seen in Grayling finer and better selected stocks of Christmas gift merchandise than is being displayed in Grayling this season. If you haven't visited our Grayling stores you will be agreeably surprised at what you may find there. Beautiful articles for all purposes. Just look over the advertisements in the Avalanche for your gift suggestions. Our merchants are reliable and offer dependable merchandise. The newspaper accepts no other kind of advertising knowingly. Read the ads.

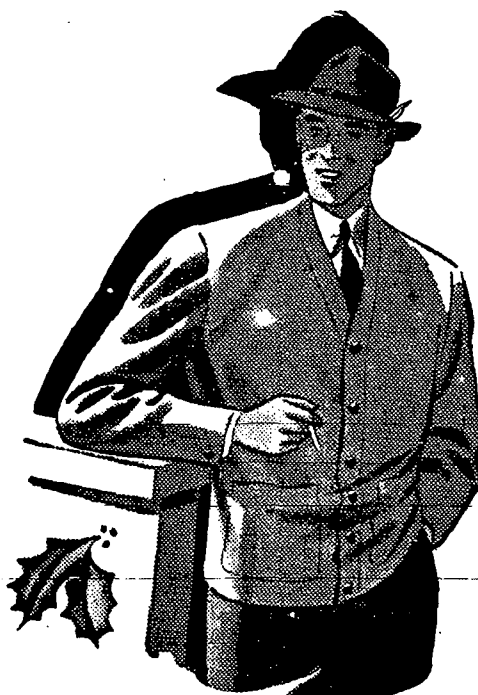
Several High school girls met a couple of weeks ago and decided to organize a Girls club. Officers were elected with Ruth Feldhauser for president; Waneda Letts, vice president; Leona Deekrow, secretary, and Zina Stephan, treasurer. Dues are paid at each meeting and it is planned to put this money in postal savings to be used for proposed trip next summer. The girls are now making candy to be put in the baskets for the needy for Christmas, and are helping gather toys to be given to underprivileged children. Miss Waneda Letts was hostess to the club Wednesday evening at her home.

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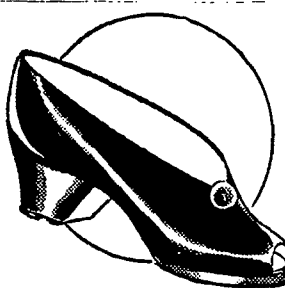
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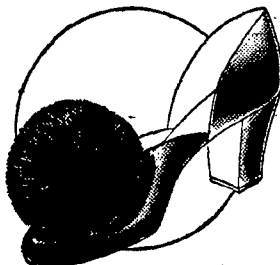


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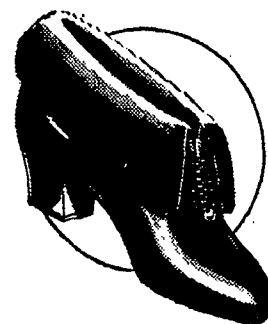
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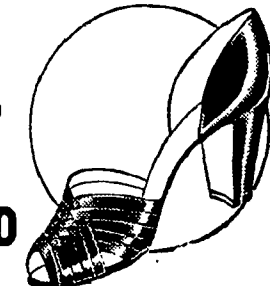


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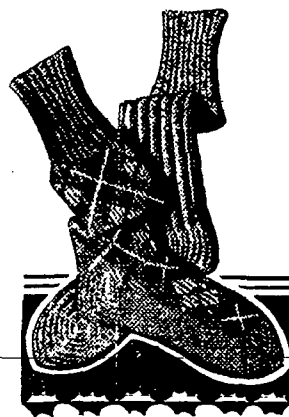


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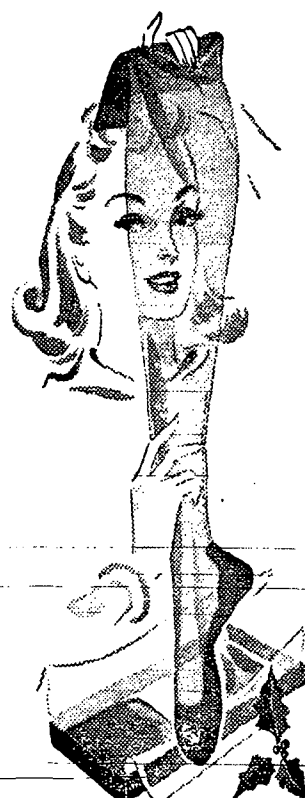


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Nuts and Candies at special prices.	
Xmas baskets packed on order.	
Numerous other bargains for home buyers.	

Cash and Carry Store

OLSON'S

Aprons make very acceptable gifts. There will be a lot of pretty ones at St. Mary's apron sale at the "Hanson" Hardware Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Charron (Loretta Sorenson) of Frederic are the proud parents of a son, born to them at Mercy Hospital, Monday, December 11.

How often do your neighbors stop in to borrow the week's collection of handbills and other direct-mail drivel that accumulates in your mail-box? Not

very often, we'll bet. But the home-town paper is kept and read by everybody in the neighborhood.

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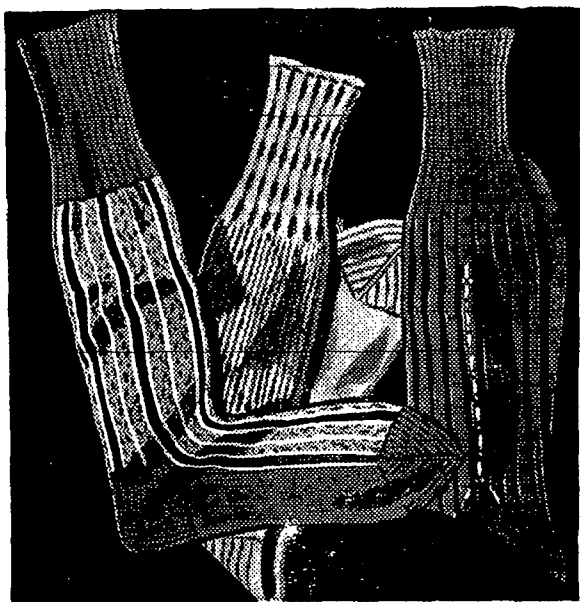


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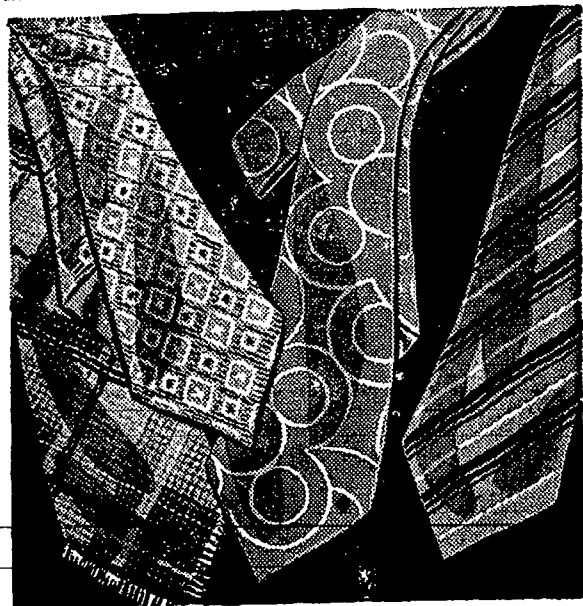
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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 14, 1916

Little did James D. Thompson, local agent for the Manistee & Northeastern railroad, know just how well he was building when he started out on a fishing trip on May 13 of last spring. After two hours of the hardest fight he ever had, he succeeded in landing what he termed the finest rainbow trout that ever grabbed a hook. It tipped the scales at 8 1/4 pounds and measured 24 1/2 inches. The trout was caught in the Manistee river near the red bridge. At the end of the season it was found that Mr. Thompson had won the National Championship for the catching of the largest trout. Prizes for the contest from the various Fishing and Sportsmen's clubs began arriving, and all that has already been received amounts to about \$150, in sporting goods and money.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Melstrup in Lansing Tuesday, December 12.

Some months after graduating from the Grayling High school and giving up his position as "devil" of the Avalanche office, Hardin Sweeney started out for other worlds to conquer. He enlisted in the army and was satisfied to be a private, but not content to remain in the ranks. The opportunity came for promotion, and after passing the examination was appointed second lieutenant of infantry.

Mrs. A. M. Lewis and son, Mark, expect to leave the latter part of the week for Newberry to spend Xmas.

Mrs. Fred Rundell and little daughter of Morgantown, West Virginia, who has been spending several months visiting relatives and friends in Michigan, spent the past week, a guest at the John Charlefour home.

At a meeting of the Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Worshipful Master, Efner Matson; Senior Warden, Charles Abbott; Senior Deacon, George N. Olson; Tyler, A. B. Failing.

We note in the Gaylord Advance the marriage of Miss Agnes Gannon of that city, and Mr. Wm. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Lewis of Frederic, which took place Thanksgiving morning at the Catholic parsonage in Gaylord.

Edna, the little 20 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Atkinson, proprietors of the South Side grocery store, had a narrow escape with her life Monday morning when she swallowed a quantity of kerosene. In some manner she got hold of the kerosene can and drank of its contents. The liquid seemed to smother her lungs and for several hours she was hardly able to take any breath whatever. Medical skill and most constant care saved the life of the little one.

The Post office at Wellington will be discontinued after December 30, by order of the post office department. Mail that is now going to that office will remain in Grayling postoffice.

Miss Frida Olson spent Sunday and Monday the guest of Miss Irene LaSprance in Bay City.

Mrs. J. E. Crowley who has been conducting a millinery store in the Olson building, will move

into the building formerly occupied by the Hanson Baking Co. as a salesroom, and will continue her business there.

Mrs. Emil Kraus returned here Saturday, after a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. Lennon, in Hurley, Wis.

Einar Jorgenson entertained the members of his Confirmation class very nicely at his home Saturday evening. Contests and games were enjoyed by the young folks, after which refreshments were served.

Will Wingard was given the biggest surprise of his life, when Saturday evening, which was the occasion of his birthday anniversary, twelve of his friends, boys and girls came to his home to help him celebrate the event. Mrs. Wingard prepared a self-served luncheon, which was enjoyed later in the evening. Mr. Wingard wound up the evening by taking a picture of the group.

School Notes (23 Years Ago)

Clyde Dyer of the fifth grade fractured his collar bone while playing at school Monday noon.

Hardin Sweeney of the class of 1915 made the High school a pleasant call Monday.

Basketball season will open here Friday night with games between our High school teams and the All-City boys' and girls' teams. Games with Cheboygan, Onaway and Cadillac have already been scheduled.

Frederic News (23 Years Ago)

Albert Lewis is skidding and decking logs for James Smith.

Little Erma Barber was ill for a few days. Dr. Leighton said nothing serious.

C. S. Barber completed the \$5,000 job on the concrete and steel bridge on the Manistee river last week. The structure is a credit to any township in the state or U. S. Sid is certainly a good workman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lewis expect to start for their Florida trip again next Monday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kalahar this week.

Frederic School Notes (23 Years Ago)

The boys and girls are fitting up a sitting room with a large fireplace on the stage at the Opera house for their play to be given on Christmas night. Following are the characters: Misses Flora Malco, Jessie Reynolds, Anna Paris and Harry Reynolds, Liland Smock, Clyne McDermid and Arthur Callahan.

At the M. P. church Sunday night, Misses Erma Craven, Katie Brown, Bessie Brown, with Mae McDermid as organist, led the musical program. Miss Paris, principal of the High school, sang a solo and Supt. Wood gave a talk on "The Game of Life." A good sized crowd was out.

Lovells (23 Years Ago)

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parker and Miss Adams, all of Detroit, are enjoying a few days outing at the North Branch Outing Club.

Mrs. J. Simms received a message announcing the death of a sister, Mrs. Oscar Bishopric.

Mrs. Griswold and children of Bay City are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caid.

72,462 PERSONS VISIT HARTWICK MEMORIAL PINES PARK IN 10 MONTHS

The Hartwick Pines park for the first ten months of this year was visited by 72,462 persons. This is about 8000 more than were there last year in a similar period.

The popularity of this park is growing by leaps and bounds and, as Harold Titus once told us, it is destined to become Michigan's finest park. It lies about seven miles northeast of Grayling and is reached by a fine highway. It comprises about 2,000 acres.

Within it stands 80 acres of virgin pine timber which is the last remaining vestige of Michigan's former vast pine forests. Also within the area are two small lakes.

Public Notice

Beginning Dec. 12, I will be at the Town hall every Tuesday and Saturday thereafter, until Jan. 10, to collect township taxes. Clare Madsen, 11-23-41 Treas. Grayling Twp.

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Womans Club

Mrs. Fred Welsh was hostess to the club Monday evening. Thirty-three members responded to the roll call.

Argentina was the subject of the evening's program. Mrs. Bert Welte gave a talk on "The geography and general development of Argentina."

Mrs. Donald Sweeney "The development of the spirit of peace on the American continent."

Miss Gail Welsh: "Christmas festivities in the Latin American countries."

Before the regular program Miss Anderson, teacher of the first grade presented little Helen Benson in a song "The Rocking Doll," also Richard Reava, John Kasper, and Douglas Welch in "We are the Candy Kids."

The Social committee: Mrs. I. a. y. Connine, Mrs. Chas. Meisel, Mrs. Wm. Hill and Mrs. Welsh served refreshments. This is the last meeting before the Christmas recess.

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CHOCOLATE NUTSTRIPS

1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 cup flour (minus 2 tablespoons)
2 egg yolks
2 squares chocolate
1 cup chopped nuts
Whites of the eggs, beaten stiff and added last. Bake in a slow oven until not quite done, try with a broom straw (the strips become more like candy and not hard if taken out of the oven before entirely baked). Bake 12 to 15 minutes in a moderate oven. Cut into strips. If preferred crisp leave in oven a little longer.

CARAMEL ROLL

3 cups sugar
1 cup cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup corn syrup
1 cup nuts
Combine 2 1/2 cups sugar with cream and corn syrup. While this is cooking brown to a very dark color the remaining 1/2 cup sugar and add to the mixture. Continue cooking until a soft ball forms in the water. Remove from fire and place pan in cold water. When cool add vanilla. Beat and add 1/2 cup nuts. Pour out on damp cloth and work until

creamy. Form in a roll and roll in 1/2 cup nuts. Slice.

RAISIN DROPS

2 cups sugar
2 eggs
6 tablespoons shortening
1 cup raisins chopped fine
3/4 cups flour
1 cup sour milk
2 teaspoons soda
Drop by teaspoons on a baking sheet and sift equal parts of cinnamon and granulated sugar on top before baking. Bake in moderate oven 12 to 15 minutes.

CHRISTMAS ROCKS

2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons lard
1/4 cup milk
1 cup flour
1 box raisins, chopped
1 cup chopped nuts
2 teaspoons baking powder
Vanilla
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon cloves
This recipe will make about 100 cookies. Mix. Form rocks with end of spoon. Bake 15 to 20 minutes in a moderate oven. To mix: Cream butter and lard—add sugar gradually. Break 1 egg into mixture; beat—break second egg into mixture and beat well. Alternate flour (to which baking powder has been added) with milk until all has been added. Stir in spices, raisins and nuts. The batter will be very stiff. Drop onto greased pans.

FREDERIC 5TH GRADERS VISIT PRINTING OFFICE

A bus load of about 20 boys and girls of Miss Florence Rothfuss' fifth grade of Frederic schools visited the Avalanche office last Thursday afternoon.

While it was a pretty busy time, that being press day, still their presence caused very little commotion and the office force really enjoyed their visit. They were a fine group of bright young boys and girls and they took a keen interest in watching the making up of the forms for press; seeing the Linotype turning out lines of type ready to be put into the forms; watching the press turning out printed pages, and the many other activities that are usual in printing offices on press day.

The time was too short for them to learn much about the principles of publishing a newspaper, but all seemed to enjoy what they saw just the same. We hope they may come again some day.

THANK THE EDITOR

Frederic, Mich.
Dec. 8, 1939
Dear Mr. Schumann:
We are very grateful to you, for showing us your Linotype printer, and newspaper printer, which was very interesting. I also enjoyed to see the lead-outter. I thank you for the candy you bought us. I hope we didn't take up too much of your time.
Yours truly,
Lois Winston.

Frederic, Mich.
Dec. 8, 1939
Dear Mr. Schumann:
I was very interested in the things and the printer and linotype. We liked to see all the things there. Thank you for letting us bother you on Thursday. I hope we didn't take too much time. And we enjoyed the visit in your office.
Thank you for the candy bar.
Yours truly,
Alice Ray.

Grayling, Mich.
Star Route No. 1
Dec. 3, 1939
Dear Mr. Schumann:
I am writing a letter to thank you for showing us around the printing office. I enjoyed it very much. I enjoyed the printing press, the linotype and the old printing machine that you showed us. I hope we didn't bother you too much while we were here.
I thank you very much for the candy bars you bought all of us. I hope I will see you again.
Yours truly,
Lorna Nephew.

Frederic, Mich.
Dec. 8, 1939
Dear Mr. Schumann:
We are very grateful to you for being kind enough to let us bother you when you were trying to print the paper and for showing us the machinery of your office. It was a very interesting visit. And thanks again for the candy for everyone enjoyed them.

Yours truly,
Joe Murphy.

Horse Races on Lake
Early in February Switzerland runs its famous international horse races on the ice of the lake at St. Moritz.



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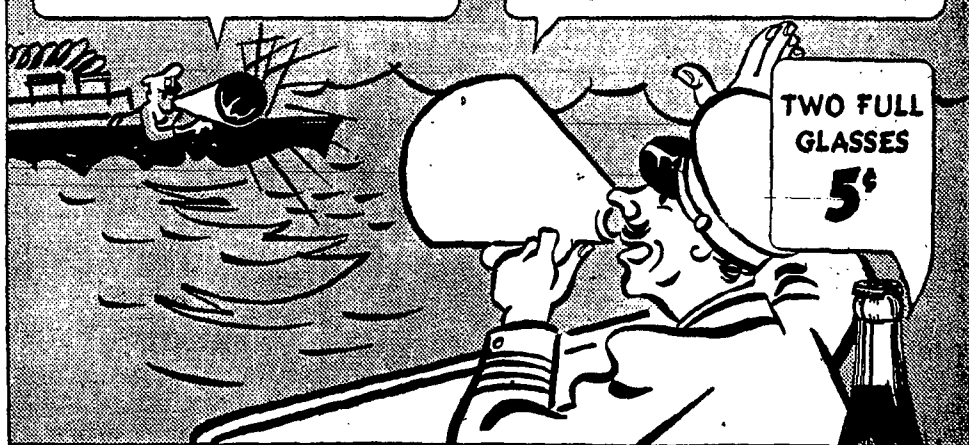
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SCHOOL NEWS

GRAYLING SCHOOL

Although every effort was made to keep it a deep, dark secret, ye inquiring reporter traced down a little rumor and found that a movement is under way to start a boys Home Ec. class. It seems that many of the 7th, 8th and 9th grade boys have a yearning to try their hands at making cookies, fit for at least themselves to eat, and rolling out the pie crusts so a class is in the process of being organized and will get under way shortly after Christmas.

Some 35 boys have already signed and plans call for an hours class once a week after school.

In a recent assembly Irene Frossness entertained the High School with her many clever impersonations. Several of her skits were taken from actual scenes from the lives of first ladies of the land. Her characterization of Mrs. Lincoln was particularly good.

In addition to the historical sketches she added several of her own which were well received by her audience, particularly the one portraying a southern girl attending a Grayling prom.

The scholastic honor roll for the second six weeks period of the first semester is as follows:

12th Grade
Brady, Jean—3A's, 1B.
Burrows, Ruth—4A's.
Joseph, Mary J.—5A's.
Laage, Arline—3A's, 1B.
McNamara, Charles—1A, 3B's.
Granger, Elva—3A's, 1B.
Peterson, Virginia—4A's.

11th Grade
Annis, Louise—5B's.
Charron, Kathryn—3A's, 1B.
Conroy, Beryl—1A, 3B's.
Failing, Betty—3A's, 1B.
Malloy, Francella—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Martin, Jane A.—4A's, 1B.
Peterson, Katherine—4B's.
Roberts, Patricia—4A's.
Stephan, Zina—1A, 2B's, 1C.

10th Grade
Annis, Francis—2A's, 1B, 1C.
Bugby, Eleanor—1A, 2B's, 1C.
Christenson, Faye—3A's, 1B.
Doroh, June—4A's.
Kernosky, Ruth—2A's, 2B's.
Reynolds, Margaret—1A, 2B's, 1C.

9th Grade
Small, Clarence—3A's, 1B.
VanVleck, Sue—1A, 3B's.

8th Grade
Brady, Monica—4B's.
Clark, Robert—2A's, 2B's.
Hanson, Alfred—1A, 3B's.
LaChappelle, Robert—1A, 2B's, 1C.

7th Grade
Millikin, Donna—4B's.
Nelson, Robert E.—1A, 3B's.
Olson, Marilyn—3A's, 1B.
Perry, Jack—1A, 3B's.
Stevenson, Jean—3A's, 1B.
Thompson, Ross—3A's, 1C.
Wolf, Florence—1A, 3B's.

6th Grade
Charron, Rosemary—4A's.
Clippert, Billyann—2A's, 2B's.
Giegling, Roger—4A's.
Macaulay, Shirley—1A, 3B's.
Milnes, Jane—2A's, 1B, 1C.
McDaniels, Gloria—4B's.
Smith, Dorothy—2A's, 2B's.
Stevenson, Allen—2A's, 2B's.
Welsh, Nellie C.—4A's.

5th Grade
Cunningham, Leonard—2A's, 2B's.
DeLaMater, Howard—3A's, 1B.
Golinick, Geraldine—1A, 2B's, 1C.

4th Grade
Hall, Yvonne—1A, 3B's.
Howell, Mary—4B's.
LaMotte, Vivian—4B's.
Nolan, Faith—2A's, 2B's.
Peterson, Beverly—1A, 3B's.
Tahvonen, Irene—4A's.

3rd Grade
Babbitt, Arnold—Four 2's.
Babbitt, William—Four 2's.
Brady, Jean—Four 1's.
Burrows, Ruth—Two 1's, Two 2's.

2nd Grade
Joseph, Mary J.—Three 1's, Two 2's.
Kraus, William—One 1, Four 2's.
Laage, Arline—Three 1's, One 2.

1st Grade
McEvers, Virginia—Two 1's, Two 2's.
McKenna, Patricia—Three 1's, One 2.

THE WAR IN EUROPE

Russian Aggression Casts Dark Shadow Over Europe

The answer to the strange situation existing on the western front, where two great armies face each other without accepting the gauge of battle, is to be found in the uncertainty that still surrounds the intentions of Soviet Russia.

We have an unparalleled quiet on the battlefields, where only desultory skirmishes have taken place. The immense air forces that were expected to drop death and destruction indiscriminately are strangely immobile. The millions of fighting men, backed by the finest military equipment, idle their days for the most part and only on the sea does the grim fate of ships insist that a great war is being fought.

Germany Distrusts Russia

Never before, so far as we know, have such immense forces remained suspended after a declaration of war. It excites curiosity and suggests to some observers that the war is phoney. This, it may as well be recognized, is a mistaken assumption but the stillness that prolongs many human lives has a reason that is known for a certainty only to the German General Staff but it is suspected by others.

The riddle of Red Russia supplies the only understandable explanation of the failure of the German war machine to attack with its full force. Germany, for all her boasting of agreement with Stalin, has grave doubts about the future, and responsible leaders realize full well that a victory over France and Great Britain, which they think they can secure, will be worthless if, afterwards, the German government is unable to resist the full might of Communism.

Allies Face Problem

The same observation is applicable to the Allies, as well. Just at present, and until they secure greater strength, the policy of idleness plays into their hands, but even when they attain superiority, it is doubtful if they will force the fighting and render Germany a helpless victim to the advancing hordes of Russia.

The fact that great armies face each other without going into decisive battle is the only way that either of the two combatant groups can safeguard their un-

Peterson, Maryella—Four 2's.
Robarge, Marjory—Two 1's, Two 2's.
Simpson, Edwina—Two 1's, Two 2's.
Smith, Dorothy—Four 1's.
Smith, Mildred—One 1, Three 2's.

Stevenson, Allen—One 1, Three 2's.
Wakeley, Alice—Two 1's, Two 2's.
Wakeley, Bessie—Two 1, Two 2.
Welsh, Nellie—Two 1's, Two 2's.
Wilson, Emma—Three 1's, One 2.

Zacek, Emily—One 1, Three 2's.
7th Grade
Andrus, Marjory—One 1, Three 2's.

Bentley, Marguerite—One 1, Three 2's.
Bishaw, Joan—One 1, Three 2's.
Cook, Thelma—One 1, Three 2's.
Cunningham, Leonard—Two 1's, Two 2's.

DeLaMater, Howard—Four 1's.
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Graham, Marylou—Four 2's.
Hall, Yvonne—One 1, Three 2's.
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LaMotte, Vivian—Three 1's, One 2.

Markby, Grace—One 1, Three 2's.
Meisel, Shirley—One 1, Three 2's.
McDaniels, Dick—One 1, Three 2's.

Nolan, Faith—Three 1's, One 2.
Papendick, Robert—One 1, Three 2's.
Parkinson, Betty—One 1, Three 2's.
Peterson, Beverly—One 1, Three 2's.

Reava, Dorothy—One 1, Three 2's.
Tahvonen, Irene—Four 1's.
Tinker, Letha—One 1, Three 2's.
Trudeau, Guinevere—Three 2's.
Weiss, Evelyn—One 1, Three 2's.

Among the many unusual features shown by the honor rolls for the second six weeks period was the fact that only two students in the upper six grades received all "A's" for their studies and at the same time perfect citizenship marks: Patricia Roberts who is a member of the Junior class, and Irene Tahvonen, a seventh grader. These students are to be commended for their fine records this year.

Opportunity Knocks

Granger, Lois—Four 1's.
Hatfield, Harold—Three 1's, One 2.
Johnson, Kenneth—Two 1's, Two 2's.
Johnston, Norma—Two 1's, Two 2's.

Kolka, James—Four 2's.
Krage, Doris—Two 1's, Two 2's.
Macaulay, Shirley—Four 1's.
Melichar, Maxine—Four 1's.
Mitnes, Jane—Three 1's, One 2.
Palmer, Leo—One 1, Three 2's.

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certain future in relation to Soviet Russia. What avail Germany if, inflicting mortal losses to her adversaries she suffer such serious losses as to be weak in the face of Russian aggression? What help will it be to Great Britain and France if they make Europe safe from German aggression only to open the gates to Russian aggression, which might overwhelm war-weakened forces?

The Bear in the Baltic

Russia, after many years of prudence about peace, suddenly electrified the diplomatic world with her strange agreement with Germany. Just as soon as Germany was engaged in her Polish campaign, the Bear That Walks Like a Man began the march into eastern Poland. Since that eventful invasion the hibernation in the cave of peace has ended and in its place we find an enraged animal, striking out in the direction of many little nations and smiting them to the ground.

The small nations of the Baltic have felt the rough paw. Only Finland stands up to fight, and at what cost? After Finland, what of Sweden, Norway and even Denmark? The era of aggression in the Baltic may loose German attacks in the competition between rulers of Russia and of Germany, each anxious to get what can be obtained at a bargain.

Russia Directs the War

Russia's new aggressor role augurs little good for the Balkans and the question that puzzles southeastern Europe is the extent of German and Russian reapproachment. What if Russia and Germany have agreed upon a division of the spoils in eastern Europe and only wait for a favorable time to strike. It is a possibility within easy reach.

Italy, already worried by Russian advances, and Turkey, allied to Britain and France, may lead a Balkan federation in defense of common interests. Rumania, it may be assumed will fight if attacked. How far will the war spread and how many nations will be involved? The answer depends upon Soviet Russia and that is why the guns on the western front hold up their belching fire until the diplomats can more clearly figure out the road ahead.

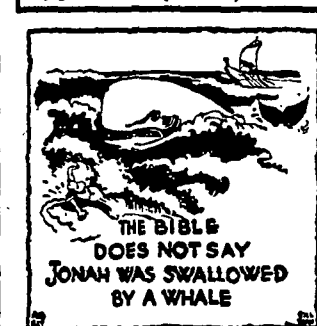
COOL IN WAR HEAT



This youngster, wearing a steel helmet and carrying a gas mask over his tiny shoulder, is prepared for any war emergency that might occur in England. But what will he do when the temperature drops?

The DEBUNKER

By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.



The Hebrew Bible does not mention a whale in connection with Jonah. It only speaks of "a great fish." Some English versions of the Bible have translated this as "a whale" (Matt. 12:40). In the French Bible, and in many others, the original meaning is preserved. A whale is not a fish; it is a water mammal which breathes with lungs and nurses its young.

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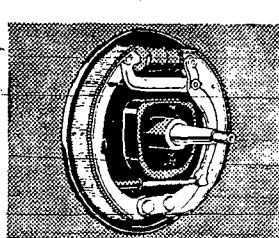
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The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—"There is where we come in."

Nearly one year has elapsed since a new administration took control of state government at Lansing, and the prevailing topic is still about the same as it was a year ago. Finances.

You will recall that the late Gov. Frank Fitzgerald held high hopes of effecting substantial economy in the cost of state government. His pledge of payroll reductions was a campaign issue. When Fitzgerald became governor, he emphasized the need of more local control—"home rule" if you please—instead of more and more centralization of power at Lansing, as has been the case for many administrations regardless of their political sponsorships.

This philosophy was shared by Luren D. Dickinson, and when he became governor the creed of economy was continued officially. The state legislature resisted many requests for state aid; state welfare appropriations were cut from an expended total of approximately \$15,000,000 for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1939 to \$8,750,000. On paper the budget was to be balanced; millions of dollars were to be saved.

Payrolls Increase

Reflecting to a certain extent the legislators' mood for economy was its decision to slice drastically the appropriation for administration of civil service. Then the civil service act was overhauled; the revision bill was tagged "ripper bill" by administration critics.

In the light of all these efforts for economy, payrolls were expected to decline. Financially, the present administration can not be held responsible for appropriations made for the period ending July 1, 1939. Any payroll statements must be subject to this condition.

Apparently contradictory to the economy efforts was the discovery in October that payrolls of state government had reached a new high for the first nine months of 1939. In dollars the all-time peak of spending was \$19,388,651, compared with \$18,789,074 for the same period in 1938; \$17,214,734 in 1937; \$14,417,076 in 1936.

Examination of the payroll record shows that a mere handful of state departments and agencies were responsible for most of the payroll increase. Among the state departments which affected economy in payrolls were the auditor general, attorney general, banking, civil service, governor's office, highway, liquor control, old age assistance, public service, sales tax, secretary of state, and welfare. Departments showing an increase were agriculture, conservation, employment service, health, land, public instruction, state police, treasurer, and unemployment compensation.

Federal Aid Agencies

Two state departments—employment service and unemployment compensation—deal heavily in federal funds. Their payrolls appear on the state record, but their major source of income is the money which employers and employees contribute in social security payments. The unemployment compensation commission derives all its funds from

Washington; the employment service is financed jointly by Washington and Lansing.

These two agencies, offshoots of the Roosevelt New Deal, represent a total of \$643,607 in higher payrolls for the nine month period of 1939.

Of course, the same condition as to these two agencies existed during Frank Murphy's administration. New agencies of government, created usually to meet demands of the public, are usually responsible for payroll increases, and the Dickinson and Murphy administrations are recent examples of how it works out.

Government costs have grown steadily from \$66,559,214 in 1922-23 to \$247,084,041 in 1938-39. What has been responsible for this revolutionary change?

Shift in Collections

The major reason for this increase according to state officials at Lansing, has been a decline in local responsibility at home and a corresponding increase in centralized responsibility at Lansing. Abolishment of the state property tax and levying of a general sales tax was one illustration of the process.

Auditor General Vernon J. Brown revealed a few days ago that \$129,000,000 collected this year by the state would be returned to local or independent units of government or spent for labor rather than for state purposes. This is 80 per cent of the state's spendable revenue.

Governor Dickinson points out that "if we can stop the growth permanently, even if we aren't able to make a reduction in the cost of government, I think we will have made a big accomplishment."

From the office of the state budget director comes comforting news that, despite payroll increases, the state has spent two million dollars less than it did a year ago. Dickinson phrases the financial trend as being at a "pivot" and adds that "if we can start costs downward instead of upward, our administration will have made still more of an accomplishment."

Home Rule?

It is the governor's belief that additional funds for relief, for example, should be financed by home governments. "Counties, cities and townships can legally borrow money, which the state cannot do," he explained. And again, "it is easier to call a special session of a board of supervisors than the State Legislature."

Municipal officials, backed by organized labor, are inclined to shift the burden on the state. The relief crisis at Toledo and Cleveland are timely illustrations of the general trend.

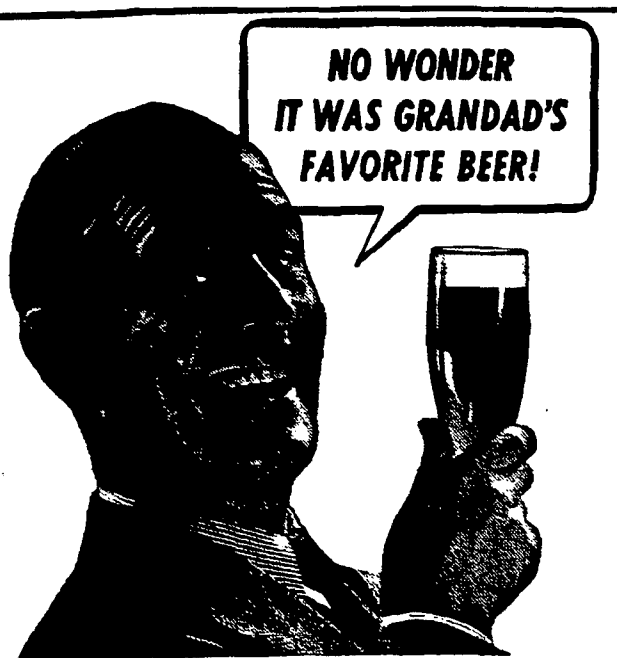
Will Governor Dickinson call a special session of the legislature to vote more funds for relief from a non-existent surplus in the state treasury? (Last Thursday night, Dec. 7, Governor Dickinson said "it doesn't look to me that there are any immediate prospects of a special session—or that there will be any prospects very soon.")

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Miss Mildred Hanson is back at her duties at the Kerry & Hanson Flooring Company office after a week's illness.

The Library has been moved from the City office to the rooms recently vacated by the Welfare office, over Connors's Grocery.

The Catholic Woman's Guild would like to get in touch with someone who has a piano they would rent, or would like to store for the winter. Please call Mrs. C. J. McNamara, dial 2171.

The Ladies of the Wednesday Bridge club were guests of Miss Margrethe Bauman at a delightful luncheon on Wednesday. Yellow and white mums graced the center of the long table at which the guests found their places. At bridge which followed the lunch, high scores were held by Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Mrs. Harry Gammie and Mrs. Roy Milnes. Mrs. Stanley Sealy and Mrs. Harold Cliff were guests of the club.

The Masonic lodge held their annual election of officers at the Temple Thursday evening and the following were elected to take office for the ensuing year: W. M., Jesse Sales, Jr.; Warden, Ernest Larson; Senior Deacon, George Granger, Jr.; Deacon, Farnham Mason; Treasurer, George Olson; and Secretary, Frank Sales. Clay-ton Strachey will be the installing officer Thursday evening, December 21, when officers will be installed.

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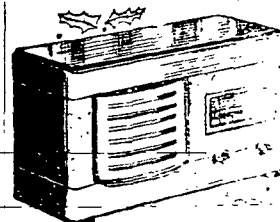
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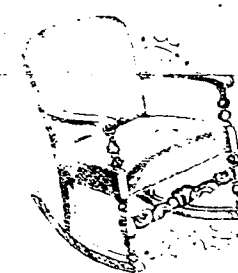


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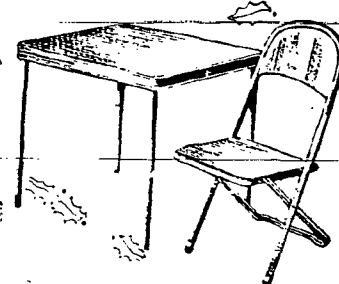


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